

Knox, Bob 83

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REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION AND STATISTICAL SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

APPENDIX A

DATE 9/30/83

FULL NAME Bob Knox SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY Lake Charles STATE La ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 50 1/92 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT 165 HEIGHT 5'11" RACE White

COLOR OF HAIR White COLOR OF EYES \_\_\_\_\_

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Wiry athletic build, appears to be 10 years

MARRIED OR SINGLE \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN older than he is

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
T 107	Lake Charles	La	SM		1/82

SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY

NOTED

OCT 3 '83

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council 209

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October 31, 1983

Mr. John H. Green  
Scout Executive  
Calcasieu Area Council, No. 209

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Bob Knox

Dear John:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: South Central Region

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February 1, 1982

Mr. John W. Fanning  
Scout Executive  
Calcasieu Area Council, No. 100

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of January 22, concerning the registrations of ~~Bobby Judd and Bob Knox~~. I appreciate the detailed information which you have sent concerning both of these individuals.

Please complete the enclosed confidential sheets for each of these individuals. This gives us information which we need in order to identify the individuals at a later date, in case they would try to re-register either in your council or some other council. If both of us were on different jobs at that time, we would need enough information so that they could be easily identified.

You do not indicate the final outcome of these situations in your detailed report. Has a letter been sent or delivered to each of these individuals indicating that they should not be involved in Scouting at this time? Was the letter signed by the president of the council as we have recommended? What was the reaction of the individuals when the letter was delivered to them? Was a resignation received from these men?

The information which I am requesting is most necessary for us to have substantial information in our files so that future registration can be easily refused. Today's legal climate makes it more and more difficult for us to refuse registration. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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Attachments

cc: South Central Region

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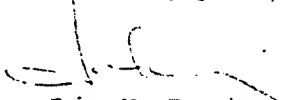
January 22, 1992

Paul J. Ernst, Director  
Registration Service, SUM 0108  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, Texas 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is my written evidence substantiating my termination of the Scouting registration of two Scouters in this council. Bobby Judd of Welsh, La., 39 years of age, white male, 5' 10" tall, 180 lbs., bald, dark brown hair on sides, (wears a toupee); and Bob Knox of Lake Charles, La., white male, age approximately 50 (he appears nearly 10 years older than he is) white hair, wiry athletic build, 165 lbs., 5' 11" tall.

Sincerely yours,

  
John W. Fanning  
Scout Executive

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ities would soon be discovered. [REDACTED] was worried about this and did not want to become a part of the expose, should it occur.

My interview with [REDACTED] was extremely revealing. [REDACTED] stated that he and Bobby had been out drinking on several occasions while they were living at Camp Edgewood. [REDACTED] did not deny that he had had homosexual activities with Bobby Judd. [REDACTED] also expressed considerable concern about what Bobby's reaction would be when this matter was exposed and Bobby was <sup>dismissed</sup> ~~disbanded~~ from Scouting. Cliff Hazel later told me on Friday, November 27, that he had felt that Bobby's reaction would be one of three things: 1) He would become extremely angry; 2) He would become extremely humble; 3) He would commit suicide. Cliff Hazel stated that he did not know which of these actions Bobby Judd might take but that he was concerned that Bobby would definitely take one of these actions.

With [REDACTED] I confirmed the fact that he and other young men had gone out drinking from camp with Bobby Judd on several occasions. [REDACTED] stated that as he had grown older he had become aware that camp was neither the place or the time for such activities. [REDACTED] stated that he could not confirm any accounts of homosexuality and had not been a participant in such activity.

To the best of my knowledge that is a reasonably complete summary of my interviews with the individuals named before. There was a great deal more spoken and I did my utmost to encourage all of the boys I interviewed to stay in Scouting; to become stronger because of this experience, and to choose the right path for their lives from this point forward rather than the wrong path upon which several of them, notably [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had embarked. I give my solemn testimony that to the best of my knowledge the above mentioned statements are complete and correct. I am [REDACTED]. This is done on Friday the 27th of November, 1981, at 9:51 AM.

I should like now to consider the matter of Bob Knox to whom I wrote a letter similar to that which I wrote to Bobby Judd. On Valentines Day, February 14, 1981, which was a Saturday, Mr. [REDACTED] called my office and said he needed to talk to me about a matter which had occurred in their Boy Scout Troop (Troop 107) sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church. If he could not talk to me, he said, he would have to go directly to the sheriff. I of course immediately gave him an opportunity to come down and speak to me at the office. Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] did come to my office and spoke with me and informed me that their son [REDACTED] (age 15) had been in a tent with Scoutmaster Bob Knox and another Scout (whom subsequence investigation showed was never registered in Scouting) by the name of [REDACTED] who is an acquaintance of [REDACTED]. Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] indicated to me that [REDACTED] had just come to them in tears and told them of events of that night in that tent where Bob Knox had urged him "show him 5 inches". It was never mentioned but may be safely assumed that what was meant that Bob Knox wanted to see [REDACTED] penis. The [REDACTED] then went on to tell me that Bob had told their son obscene stories in an attempt to arouse him sexually and that Knox and [REDACTED] had described explicitly the homosexual activities they had participated in in which they had used cornhusker ~~oil~~ <sup>as a lubricant</sup>. I was never specifically informed of the nature of the discussion, nor did I wish to be, as I felt that I had been given enough information to withdraw Knox's privileges of membership in the Boy Scouts of America. Subsequently, on Monday, February 16th, I visited the meeting of Troop 107 where Bob Knox was presiding. I also made arrangements with Mr. [REDACTED] to reorganize the Troop. After my meeting on Monday the 16th of February I wrote my letter to Bob Knox, telling him he was severed from the Boy Scouts of America and preceeded to meet with Mr. [REDACTED] and members of the Troop Committee to reorganize the troop.

These are the only two incidents of homosexuality with which I have had to deal

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with while I have been Scout Executive of the Calcasieu Area Council.

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This is an account of the investigation conducted by John Fanning into the unScout-like conduct of Scouter, Bobby Judd. The date of this transcription is November 27, 1981.

Let me say first that I had been tacitly warned to keep an eye on Bobby Judd before I ever came to the Calcasieu Area Council. Ross McGill, who presently serves as Scout Executive of the Blue Grass Area Council headquartered in Lexington, KY, told me while I was yet in Kentucky that he was surprised that Bobby Judd is still involved in the Scouting program here. Mr. McGill has served as a professional in the Calcasieu Area Council in the early 1960's, this having been his first professional assignment. He stated that Bobby had served on the camp staff while he was at camp and reluctantly told me that Bobby had been an exhibitionist at camp while he was a youth staff member. McGill implied but did not state that there might be a tendency toward homosexual acts. Upon my arrival in the council, I immediately made the acquaintance of Mr. Judd and began to observe his conduct.

My first real indication that a problem might exist occurred during the summer camp season of 1979, when Bobby sponsored an event which was known and advertised among the staff as a "staff party". I later discovered that this staff party was in fact an opportunity for all of the younger staff members to go to Bobby's home and there to participate in the drinking of alcoholic beverages, occasionally to the extent that the staff members became inebriated. It also came to my attention at that time that certain staff members were leaving camp after the conclusion of their duty hours and in the company of Mr. Judd were going to the town of DeQuincy and occasionally to Lake Charles to procure what was at that time described to me as beer, but which I later discovered to be other alcoholic beverages as well, and that they would imbibe these beverages before they returned to camp, arriving there occasionally in an inebriated condition. I discovered that very often these same staff members were unable to conduct their normal staff duties on the following day and would occasionally be too ill to perform any duties at all. I spoke to our Camp Director, Carl Cummins, about this problem and he agreed to talk with Bobby about it and do everything he could to stop the activity.

This same course of action occurred in the 1980 summer camping season. I was additionally informed at that time that occasionally staff members would slip out of camp after a major Scout function such as an Order of the Arrow event to go to town and would return in the early morning hours. I thought very little of this because it seemed to me to be just a boyish prank, but as I discovered more information regarding the matter I soon found that it was more malicious in character than I had supposed. I informed the Camp Director, Mr. Cummins, as well as the program director, Cliff Hazel, that during the 1981 camping season there would be no staff parties advertised as such, I stated that I could not control what Bobby Judd did at his own home, and that I wanted no young staff member to be deceived into thinking that the staff party was an innocent affair (as had been the case during the past two years I had been here). The staff party did cease to the best of my knowledge, but the departures from camp for the purpose of buying alcoholic beverages under the auspices of Bobby Judd did not cease, in fact, starting with summer camp 1981, had become increasing frequent. The element, which I found to be most objectionable, was that several heretofore innocent young men had been brought into the picture while several of the older boys had departed from Judd's program. I was particularly concerned that [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] had been brought into the circle of Bobby's closest associates and had, according to information which I was given, participated with him in these drinking activities. I knew that these three boys were all under the age at which

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they could legally obtain alcoholic beverages and consequently made the assumption, which was later corroborated, that the beverages were being procured by Mr. Judd for them. On every instance when I asked, I was informed that beer was the only beverage being thus procured.

It later became apparent however that such was indeed not the case. My investigation of this matter began in serious earnest during the 1981 Cub Dad weekends (March - April, 1981) upon which I was informed that some of these young men had appeared in the kitchen in the morning too ill to do their work and some of them, although assigned to the kitchen, had not appeared in the kitchen at all until the middle of the afternoon. The Cub Dad weekends are always held prior to summer camp. I observed that following the summer camping season, [REDACTED], who had been a frequent participant with Bobby Judd in all activities at camp, was no longer a frequent participant with Mr. Judd. I wondered why this was so, but did not attach great significance to it until I interviewed [REDACTED] on two separate occasions on November 24 and 25, 1981.

In addition to the observations and investigations which I conducted personally, I have spoken with the following individuals regarding their knowledge of this entire matter: Jim Bolin, our present Camp Ranger; our former Camp Ranger, Bill Pepper; Carl Cummins; [REDACTED] Kelly Dean; Scott Deason; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. In addition to interviewing these individuals I also spoke with Council President, Morris King, and Council Commissioner, Truman Stacey, regarding the investigation which was in progress. Mr. Stacey offered valuable comment regarding our responsibility in situations of moral turpitude such as this, while Mr. King cautioned me to fully document all of the information which I received.

I will now proceed with a description, as complete as possible, of the information received from each of the individuals heretofore mentioned.

Both from Jim Bolin and Bill Pepper, I received verification of the fact that boys were leaving camp in the company of Bobby Judd and that they were not returning to camp until the early hours of the morning. The two rangers verified that this was a frequent occurrence rather than an infrequent one, occurring nearly always when Bobby Judd was in camp.

From Carl Cummins I received information regarding who the boys were that were going with Bobby Judd as well as verification of the intoxicated condition the boys as they returned to camp on several occasions.

Incidental, but supporting this, is the fact that several of our office girls, specifically Betty Menge, Mandy Nora, and Paula Farmer, had indicated to me that they had seen certain individual boys too ill early in the morning to participate in their regularly assigned duties.

[REDACTED] gave me more information regarding this matter than anyone else, naming names of individuals for me and generally putting me in the proper direction to conduct the investigation. [REDACTED] latest and most vital piece of information came during Monday and Tuesday of this week, November 23 and 24, when he told me that he had actually witnessed homosexual relations between Bobby Judd and [REDACTED] in the cook shack at Camp Edgewood on Saturday evening preceeding our interview. He said that he both saw in the dimness and heard the lengthy and complete homosexual activity that evening in the cook shack. I asked him why they had done this thing in his presence, and he said that he assumed that they believed

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him to be asleep since they had come into the building very quietly, had not turned on the lights, had gone to bed and done the thing that he reported. Needless to say, ~~that~~ both Bobby Judd and [REDACTED] were in the same bed. I asked [REDACTED] if he had been a participant in this activity, specifically the homosexual activity and also the drinking activity of that night and [REDACTED] answered me, "God No!". [REDACTED] also told me that Bobby Judd apparently owns a part interest in a gay bar in Lake Charles on Pujo Street called "Loose Ends." He told me that Bobby had cosigned notes of the individual who operates the bar, which notes stipulate if they are defaulted upon Bobby will continue the payment but will become the owner of the bar as well as the owner of a luxury car which was purchased by one of the bar managers or owners. It is at this bar that [REDACTED] and Bobby Judd have been seen in association with one another in the early hours of the morning (as early as 4 AM) by several people. I have no substantiation of the alleged fact that Bobby Judd has cosigned this note, but that should not be difficult to prove, should the need arise. [REDACTED] had specifically requested that he not be named as a principle in this investigation if at all possible.

In speaking with Kelly Dean about this matter, he substantiated the fact that boys have frequently left camp in the company of Bobby Judd but that he was unable to determine what time they returned since he was a sound sleeper. He indicated that it appeared to him that they were out drinking but that he could not substantiate that. Kelly told me this has been going on for quite some time and his comment was that he feels that we can make the practice stop if we will cut the root, which is Bobby Judd. Kelly indicated to me that his greatest anxiety concerning this matter is that he did not come forward sooner with the information because he feels that such action is very detrimental to the Scouting program and that should the details of this matter be discovered it would be very unpleasant for Scouting. Kelly stated that the Scouting program is a great love of his, and that he is sorry that this sort of thing went on, but that it is now necessary to end it.

[REDACTED] confirmed to me that he had been a participant with Bobby Judd on occasions when Bobby had taken boys from camp to buy them alcoholic beverages and that it was a common practice, but that now, he had become older, he felt that there was a time and a place for everything and that the Scout camp was neither the time nor the place. [REDACTED] also indicated a great love for the Scouting program and a desire to put an end to this practice. [REDACTED] stated that he was not aware of any homosexual activities that had occurred between Bobby Judd and anyone else.

[REDACTED] informed me that Bobby Judd had taken him and others away from camp to buy them beer and other alcoholic beverages on several occasions and that they had then returned to camp having consumed the alcoholic beverages. [REDACTED] denied knowledge of homosexual activities between Bobby Judd and anyone else and specifically denied he had had any homosexual relationship with Judd. [REDACTED] stated a very strong desire that his friend, [REDACTED] not see Bobby Judd anymore. When I probed this matter [REDACTED] said that he just had a bad feeling about this situation and would really prefer not see Bobby anymore.

I spoke to [REDACTED] who also confirmed that drinking has occurred as heretofore described and that he had been a participant in this activity. [REDACTED] specifically denied that he had had any homosexual relationships with Bobby Judd. [REDACTED] stated that he had discontinued his practice of coming to camp with Bobby Judd following the 1961 summer camping season because he was sure that Bobby's activ-

After November 27th, subsequent to all of the foregoing information, I have met with several additional people on the matter of Bobby Judd.

The first of those with whom I met was Donnie Dees of Jennings, La. Donnie informed me that he had been involved in an investigation of homosexual activities between a boy in his troop and Bobby Judd in 1967 and that in his opinion the complicity of Bobby Judd in his homosexual activity was confirmed. Dees stated that other persons involved the investigation included Wallace Stroud and Charles Litteral. At the conclusion of the investigation, Dees said, Bobby threatened to press legal charges and Wallace Stroud and Charles Litteral withdrew their support leaving Dees "holding the bag". At that point, Dees decided not to pursue the investigation any further even though he had concluded that Bobby Judd was guilty. Dees stated that he could produce witnesses at the present time to the activity if it were necessary to do so.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1981, I met with [redacted] of Welsh in my office and informed him of the situation involving Bobby Judd. I suggested to [redacted] that the easiest way for us to conclude this matter would be to restrict Judd to his activities with his Troop 29 in Welsh while he rehabilitated himself. I also told Mr. [redacted] that I had asked his son [redacted] to hold the troop together during this difficult period. [redacted] and I decided we would take this course of action and I subsequently, on December 7, 1981 visited the meeting of Troop 29 at 5 PM at Welsh. While there, I informed Bobby Judd of our decision and suggested to him that he could retain the troop in Welsh until such time as [redacted] received his Eagle Scout award, following which he would have to resign from his position as Scoutmaster. I told Judd that I would inform the sponsors of the troop of his decision to resign for the purpose of patching up his unhappy family situation. Judd did not like this at all and we spent the entire meeting period discussing Judd's association with Scouting and with his family. I suggested that Bobby should work on correcting his family problem and if he were able to do this we could talk more at a later time about his coming back into Scouting. I was under the impression that Bobby Judd had agreed to do this.

Subsequent events and reports from [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] as well as from Cliff Hazel have indicated to me that Bobby Judd has no intention of repenting of the evil of which he has done. In fact, the situation involving [redacted] and the drinking has become much worse. [redacted] and Bobby have gone to the gay bar "Loose Ends" more frequently since December 7th than they did previously.

On Sunday evening January 3, 1982, [redacted] called my home to inquire whether or not [redacted]'s parents had been in contact with me. [redacted] stated that they had talked with him and had discovered their son to be in Bobby's presence at "Days Inn", a motel in Lake Charles. [redacted] told his parents that he was attending [redacted] 18th birthday party. With this disclosure, [redacted] decided that we would have to fully terminate all of Judd's association with Scouting whether in the council or in Welsh and I determined personally that I would submit all of the information that I had on Bobby Judd to the confidential file at the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America.

It is my opinion that former Scouter Bobby Judd has completely disqualified himself from any position of leadership in the Boy Scouts of America. Consequently I have prepared this material to be forwarded to the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America. Done by my hand January 5, 1982. I am John Wood Fanning.

OK *John W. Fanning*  
Jan 20, 1981

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